

What can be done?

What is hard to see through is the ~~total~~ almost total degree of powerlessness which presently exists. We can make almost nothing happen.

- How we get rid of our garbage become a big deal. (Landfill)
- The new police chief.
- Labor relations on the fire dept.

Maintaining a radical vision is extremely difficult when one is confronted on every corner with the force of suffocating forces of the status quo.

- To deal with health care, we ~~can~~ have the Med. Ctr. and the doctors - (the only group which has ever loved me)

- To deal with legal cases, we have the legal establishment, and the judge.

- In general, we have the newspapers, the C.O. & radio, the Church, the unions, the O.S.O.A., the Montgomery Comm., the Chamber of Commerce, the Legislature, the business, the Federal bureaucracy, etc.; the Dem & Rep. parties,

Health care



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I am unable to look in the mirror -  
and see how I am. How am I? I don't  
know. I don't know who "I" am.

For years now, I have not lived a  
normal emotional life. My relationship  
to J. remains unclear. We pass time  
together, but the relationship doesn't grow  
mature or deepen.

I have pushed everything, on top of  
everything, on top of everything. My  
ability to think, to cry, to laugh, or to  
relate to other human beings is stunted.  
Year after year, edited after edited,  
letter after letter, media bullshit after  
media bullshit -



It occurred to me this morning that planning and decision making were two of the biggest ~~weaknesses~~ weaknesses that I have. Not only do I not pay bills every month - "What's my month?" - I am unable to plan vacations or intelligently "leave time actual". It would be fun going white rafting or fishing down a main river, or on a sailing boat, or traveling, etc. etc. Actual, I am better now than I used to be - but still pretty poor.

Bad planning is having a house which is filthy and looks like shit because I don't hire someone to clean for \$15.00 per week. That, in turn, results in my not inviting people over and fully enjoying the house.

This last year I have gone to England & Ireland, Florida in the Sun, Nicaragua & Man.

Poor planning is not getting the car fixed, etc.

- (1) Should I run for Governor?
- (2) The major issues facing the city.
- (3) Where should we be one year from now?

→ N.Y. Times - "What is socialism?"

- 1917 - The Revolution

1918-22 - The ~~Two~~ Civil War

1924 - Lenin's Death

1924-27 - The Defeat of Trotsky

1927 - Stalin's Rise

1934 - W.W.II

1946 - Cold War

1952 - Death of Stalin

1954 - Khrushchev's speech.



I) - Psychologically - what's going on?

1) I am not looking toward the future. There are no goals, plans to meet those goals, realistic expectations.

1. can't get started on gubernatorial campaign.

2. am not dealing with 10 percent or fault.

3. am not maintaining this house well.

4. am not travelling.

5. am not planning what happens if I am out

of office in a year. What do I do. What do I want to do.

II. Life goes by fast. so fast. The last 5 years  
recurrence of the last 5 years - plus my mental  
insanity - place me in an uncomfortable position.



- Personal Considerations - Are there other things that I would like to do more.
- Political Considerations - Do I have the right not to run.
- If I stay in office what should I expect?
  - a) declining <sup>general</sup> popularity. The "thrill" and newness is gone. I'm just a struggling politician running a reasonably good foot. Today is not 4 years ago.
  - b) expense. antagonism. Unhappy employees, women groups, poor people, communists, business community.
  - c) lack of excitement ~~and~~ & turnover within the Prog. Coal. & the Admin. We have been very cohesive. It may break.
  - 1) personal antagonisms & jealousies.
  - 2) people cannot continue to work as hard. Run out.
  - 3) Split over relationship to the Dem. Party. Deep down, a # of our people would like the position of Caddy & the O. P.
  - d) Do we become a bureaucratic "good foot"?
  - e) Are our ideas so our ideas represent the moral of Berkeley.
  - f) The NP is ~~has~~ failed.
  - g) We are not coming up with candidacies for office.
  - h) We are not relating well to workers & poor people.
  - i) relating to the media.
  - j) - Bond issue - big money.
  - k) Voluntary effort - Poor.